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## Welcoming the wolves: five pups born at Haliburton Forest's wolf centre

SUE TIFFIN

*Staff Reporter*

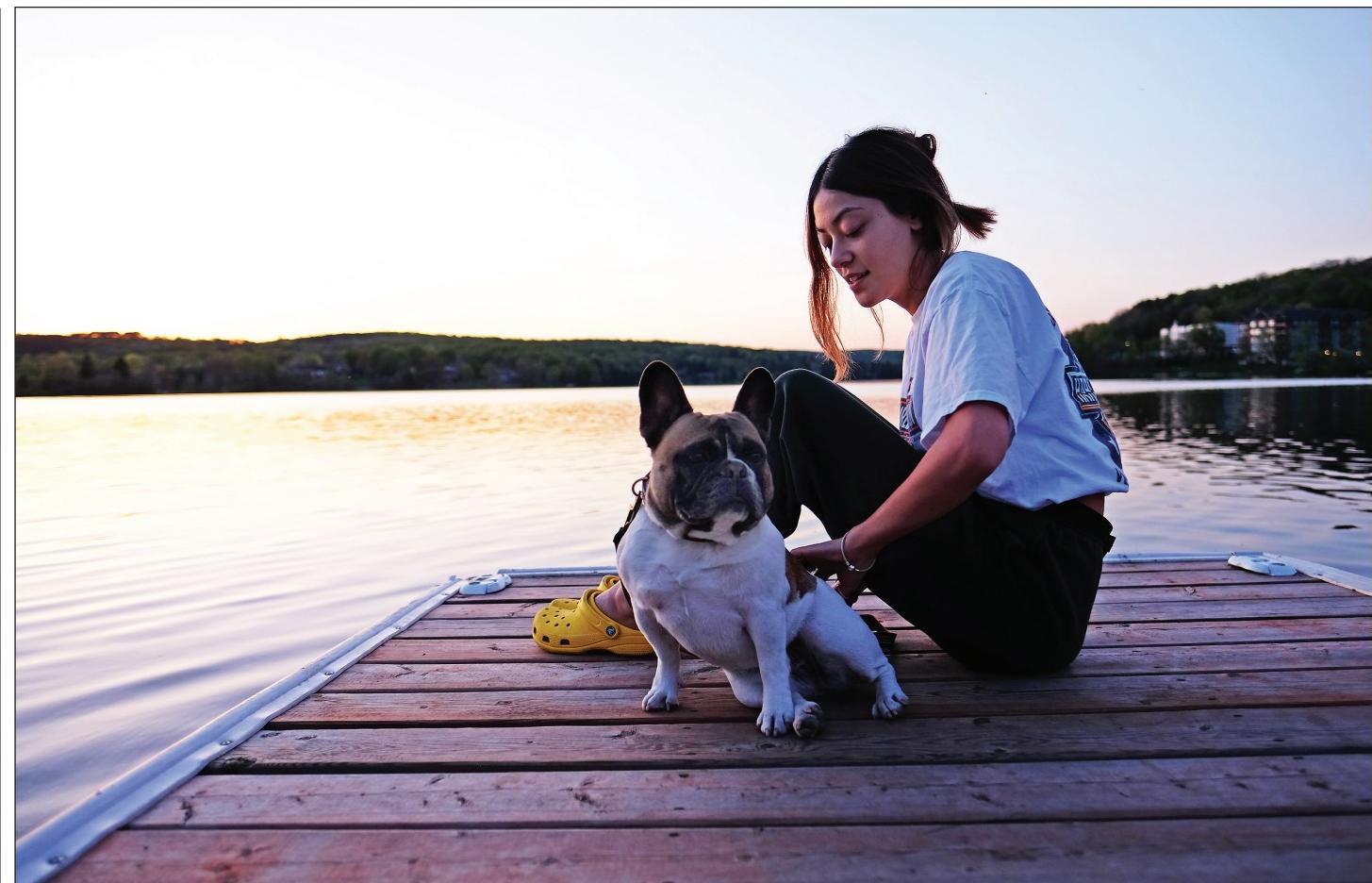
At the beginning of the month, Luna, the alpha female at Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre began exhibiting denning behaviours – she wasn't seen much when the rest of the pack was in the observation area, and when she was spotted after being gone for a day or two, she reappeared looking exhausted, covered in dirt, and then leaving again.

A few days after that, on May 10, the team at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve posted a 'pupdate.' Luna had delivered her seventh litter.

"We found five beautiful pups in this year's den," read the pupdate on social media. "Four males, one female. All are black furred with the exception of one brown male."

As does happen every year around this time, the news – alongside the adorable photos capturing the assessment – was greeted with celebration and excitement online.

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### Sharing a spring sunset

Haliburton resident Evelinh Knight shares a viewing of a sunset with her dog, Olive, a French bulldog on Tuesday, May 18 at the town docks in Haliburton. With the signs of spring in the area growing, such as the town docks being taken out on to the lake a week earlier, more and more people have come to the park and the lake to take in the sights./DARREN LUM Staff

## Second doses available locally after A.J. LaRue closure

SUE TIFFIN

*Staff Reporter*

As reported in last week's *Echo*, the mass vaccination clinic in Haliburton will

close at the end of this month. The health unit has told the *Echo* that those who received their first COVID-19 vaccine dose at the A.J. LaRue community centre will still be able to get their second dose in the county.

"The second doses could be provided at

the other mass immunization clinic site at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, through primary care providers, or at local pharmacies," said a representative from the health unit. "People who

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# Generous donation increases library's large print collection

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Ellen Davey has fond memories of her mom, Irmgard Neumann, engaged in one of her favourite pastimes after a visit to the Wilberforce branch of the Haliburton County Public Library.

"I remember seeing mom reading, reading, reading - a great pastime," said Davey. "That library was such a focal point of her lifestyle. I remember having fond memories of her sitting on the couch, reading her favourite book. It was just a wonderful pastime. That always kind of stuck in my mind."

And so recently, in Neumann's memory, a \$1,000 donation for large print books was made in her name by her family.

"The Wilberforce library was so helpful," said Davey, who lives out west. "The point she couldn't drive anymore or get to the library, the girls would gather up large print books, and either home care or my brother and his wife would pick up the books and get them back to her."

Neumann adored reading and was a frequent patron at the library.

"She really liked the romance, she was a romance kind of gal," said Davey of her mom, who died in 2019. "No murders or mysteries. Nothing violent, just nice, easy reading - and an avid reader, an avid reader."

But as Neumann got older, she was no longer able to see the fine print of books. She turned to large print books to continue being able to read with ease.

"So that's where the large print idea came in, her eyesight was failing and it's a definite need for the elderly for sure, or anybody that has any kind of visual impairment with their eyes," said Davey.

The Haliburton County Public Library currently has more than 1,500 large print titles in a variety of genres – romance, mystery, thrillers, gentle reads, historical fiction, non-fiction – in its collection.

"Large print books improve the quality of life for people with visual impairments, print disabilities, or who suffer from eye strain," said Sherrill Sherwood, HCPL collection development coordinator. "With fewer words,



The family of Irmgard Neumann, of Wilberforce, seen here in Haliburton, honoured her memory after her 2019 passing with a recent donation to the Haliburton County Public Library. /Submitted photo

more white space and larger font, roughly 16-point type, they can make the difference between enjoying reading or having to give it up."

Davey said while the donation was directed toward large print books, her family is just happy to support Neumann's beloved library.

"It doesn't matter either way, buy books and that's great, right?" she said. "Grow the library. The community sure needs a library, even over COVID times. There's still something about that library, brings the community there."

Donations to the library can be general, or targeted to a specific program, collection or service. Donations can be made online through the HCPL website ([haliburtonlibrary.ca](http://haliburtonlibrary.ca)) or by contacting [info@haliburtonlibrary.ca](mailto:info@haliburtonlibrary.ca).

## Phone and internet voting coming to Highlands East

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Highlands East is joining the rest of Haliburton County by authorizing residents to vote by phone or through the internet for the next municipal election.

The township was last to decide and although the deadline to authorize the method of voting wasn't until May 1, 2022, there was urgency because of the partnership with Dysart et al, Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands, who have all authorized voting by phone and internet. This collaboration will include a sharing of resources and expertise such as Haliburton County information technology support for any internet related challenges, including a county-wide education effort in the lead up to the next election on or before Oct. 27, 2022.

Highlands East clerk Robyn Rogers said it was important to move forward with a bylaw authorizing an alternative voting method required under the Municipal Elections Act because it allows all four of the municipalities to move forward with a joint Request for Proposal, and allow the information technology department to prepare for any election support.

Minden Hills, the only municipality that enabled its residents to vote by phone and internet in the last election, are unique in that they are also offering vote by paper like 2018.

The benefits listed by Rogers for the phone and internet option compared the last election with mail-in ballots will save the municipality money, avoid any disruption by a potential Canada post strike, which was a threat in 2018; requires less people without physical counting, performed relatively easy anywhere around the world, and it has the potential to improve voter turnout, as seen in Nova Scotia's last election; and it addresses accessibility challenges pertaining to all municipal buildings with the exception of the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre.

Currently, with health concerns during the pandemic

handling physical ballots is not ideal. Rogers added for how long the pandemic has persisted, it's not clear whether things will return to pre-covid times by 2022. Most people, she said, will have a phone, if they don't have access to the technology to vote online.

Educating residents is central to this, Rogers said.

"The biggest component here would be educating. Having the education out there to the residents, making them aware of the internet/telephone, assisting however we can. That is really key. The education to this. And if I think it is done, and we're working together in Haliburton County it is going to reduce the confusion for the residents," she said.

One of the options Highlands East is considering is a mail-out, alerting and educating residents about the phone/internet method of voting. She added for residents in need of assistance with voting, they can come into the municipal office for in-person help during the advance polling period, including the day of the election.

The decision to authorize voting by phone/internet took a little more than 40 minutes for the township.

Most of the discussion rested with deputy Mayor Cec Ryall, who had "mixed feelings" and his focus on ensuring that "voting is a right for all."

Throughout the discussion, he acknowledged the listed advantages of voting by phone or internet compared to mail-in voting, but wanted to be sure that voters were not excluded from the voting process, whether they didn't have a phone and access to the technology to vote online, or simply didn't feel comfortable with the process.

Ryall eventually heard enough information about different possibilities on voter education and in-person assistance at the municipal office and voted with council to move forward with phone/internet.

Before casting his vote he apologized for being "boisterous" and appreciated being heard and having his concerns for voters addressed.

# Short-term rental regulations move to upper tier

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Staff Reporter

The issue of regulating short-term rentals in Haliburton County will move to the upper tier of the county council table, after receiving support for the concept from each of the county's four, lower-tier municipal councils.

County councillors came to that agreement during a May 12 online meeting.

During the past few years, each of the county's four municipal councils have had conversations about introducing regulations and licensing programs for the operation of short-term rentals. In some cases, this has involved public meetings and issuing surveys, but no policies have been put in place.

A number of Ontario municipalities have begun looking at the regulation of short-term rentals within their borders, with some establishing bylaws. Notably, the Town of The Blue Mountains established a policy governing short-term rentals in its official plan in 2009. That policy was subject to an Ontario Municipal Board appeal, which was ultimately dismissed, with some tweaks made to the

regulations. The Town of The Blue Mountains' policy designates certain areas where short-term rentals are permitted, stipulates that owners must acquire a licence through the municipality, and abide by other requirements including occupant load maximums, a site plan, and separation requirements. The framework also entails a demerit point system, whereby owners earn demerits for infractions such as noise complaints.

"I think we're all in the same boat," said Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts, adding that discussions in her municipality included the possibility of a licensing system. "I'd like to work together with everybody."

Roberts said she thought a uniform approach made sense, particularly given some lakes straddle municipal borders.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielssen suggested a fuller conversation on the topic at council's May 26 meeting.

"I think it's something we can talk about then, and trust me, I would really like us to have something that's across the board across the county," Danielssen said. "It just makes sense that we're doing the same thing in that regard."

Roberts suggested that, as was the case with the creation of the county's shoreline protection bylaw, the lower-tier councils should be asked for resolutions of support, delegating authority on the matter to the upper tier of the county.

"I think this is an issue that's best approached at the county level," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. Algonquin Highlands council began discussing potential regulations last summer, and as Moffatt noted, a draft survey ready to be sent out to the public was set to come before council during a March 20 meeting. Moffatt suggested that if the county council was going to take on the topic, that the township could defer issuing the survey. She added substantial work on the subject has been done by Lake of Bays township, which borders Algonquin Highlands and is part of the District of Muskoka.

"There's some extremely good and comprehensive work done over the last couple of years by Lake of Bays," Moffatt said. "They have a very comprehensive report done on it, including a survey, and those outcomes."

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy suggested that Algonquin High-

lands might still proceed with its survey, adding it could provide the most-up-to-date information and also form the framework for a larger survey.

"In Minden Hills, we've had a number of conversations about this, and in principle, do I agree to take a collaborative, county-wide approach with this? I really, really do," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. Devolin said he had some concerns regarding zoning bylaws and official plans and what overlap and implications there might be for short-term rental regulations, including potentially the creation of a new property classification.

"I would like to discuss that further," Devolin said, adding that could include input from planning firm D.M. Wills Associates Limited, recently hired by the county to conduct its planning business after the departure of the county's planning director.

"Having said that, have one uniform set of standards across the county? Hallelujah," Devolin said. "We should do it on a lot more fronts, not just this."

"I'm hearing complete concurrence that we should be doing this," said Danielssen.

The matter will be taken to the lower-tier councils for their support.

## Health unit can offer support to those wanting more vaccine information

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have registered through the provincial booking system will have a second dose appointment automatically generated. If they booked their doses at the Haliburton clinic site, the location will be changed and they will be notified by mail or email. Information will also be posted on the Health Unit website. Rest assured, anyone who needs a second dose will be able to get one."

It is not yet known if the date and time of second vaccine appointments already booked will remain the same.

### Second doses, more vaccine, more appointments, more eligibility coming soon

The health unit has received many questions related to when and how people can receive their second dose, especially from those who received a vaccine outside of the provincial health booking system.

"I know it's anxiety-provoking knowing you'll be due for your second dose at the 16-week mark and not knowing for sure where you're going to get it, and when," she said.

The provincial booking system is being updated so that people can use the system to book their second appointment if they don't have one already scheduled, said Bocking.

"That feature is not yet available and that has been the challenge so far," she said. "We have been told by the province ... the feature will become available at end of the month or early June. That will be the route for individuals to book their second appointment."

All individuals aged 18 and older throughout the province are eligible to book their first dose of vaccine now, and the health unit is working with school boards in the region to determine the best way to roll-out the youth immunization strategy for those 12 to 17 and their families, set to start in June.

"I know there is lots of demand for COVID-19 appointments across our region and some frustration associated with not being able to get an appointment

right now for a COVID-19 vaccination," she said. "Our supply has increased a little bit, and it is slowly increasing. At the same time, eligibility expanded quite significantly. So, we still have a mismatch in terms of the number of people really wanting and asking for vaccination, and the amount of vaccine supply that's available. It's improving and this mismatch is slowly going to normalize but it's going to be a couple of weeks yet before we see greater availability of appointments. As soon as we book a clinic with new appointments, often those appointments are gone within 24 hours."

### Vaccines advised for children, once approved in trials

With the Pfizer vaccine being approved after trials for the 12 - 17 age group, and further trials underway for younger kids, Bocking said it would be recommended for kids to be vaccinated too.

"As a parent I don't have children in that age group but I would be looking to have my children receive the vaccine," said Bocking.

"We have seen certainly that youth in some ways can become drivers of transmission with the gatherings they have and throughout households," said Bocking. "I know we experienced two relatively large high school-related outbreaks [in the health unit region]. While there's not a lot of transmission in schools we still have a lot of gatherings outside of schools. So as we see the larger segments of our population well, having good vaccine coverage, I think it will be really important to see it across the whole population."

### Navigating conflict between vaccinated and unvaccinated family members

When asked about how people who are vaccinated might deal with stress in gathering with those who aren't vaccinated, Bocking said she understood the challenges people were facing.

"It's challenging because in the end,

it's just about keeping our families safe, right?" said Bocking. "So I think when family members are concerned, either about a family member or a close friend that doesn't want to receive the vaccine, we automatically go to, but we want to make sure that you're well, we want to make sure our family's well. I can understand that emotional challenge around that because we're all in this together."

Bocking said the health unit was willing to support people who need accurate information about vaccinations.

"I think we know that for individuals that have some concerns or questions about vaccines, sometimes it might be just a concern about them having accurate information, so we can certainly support readers and family members to make sure they have accurate information about vac-

cines that they can share with their family members or other friends if they have questions about vaccine."

Eventually, perhaps in a couple of months, there might be public measures that change when more people are vaccinated, said Bocking.

"And we might reach a point in time where there's different measures in place if someone's vaccinated or not vaccinated in terms of, whether it's mask wearing or that sort of thing," she said. "I know they're really challenging conversations and I think I would just encourage people to have those conversations because the more we talk about it the more we can address any concerns that might be there, and continue to work together to keep everybody healthy and well."



### In the driver's seat

Haliburton siblings Austyn Simms, one, and brother Clayton, three, take a break during a drive around their home on Sunday, May 9. Their parents said they were going to get an exact replica of the family truck, but it only came in red, so Clayton asked for the replica Ford truck in his favourite colour, blue rather than the GMC replica. /DARREN LUM Staff

## NFTC brings \$1 million high-speed expansion to residents of Kashagawigamog Lake

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Silver Beach residents are looking forward to getting in the fast lane when it comes to internet connectivity this summer after the North Frontenac Telephone Company officially announced they were adding \$1 million worth of work to expand its high-speed network for 500 homes, with a presentation to home owners and politicians on Monday, May 17 outside the development's clubhouse.

NFTC said preparation and construction work for the addition of five kilometres of new fibre has already begun. The first phase will include Silver Beach and residents along the shoreline of Kashagawigamog Lake. There are two services being delivered to the Silver Beach residents. By the end of June wireless will be available and then construction to add fibre-to-the-home begins in two weeks.

Silver Beach condominium board president Rick Perkins, who attended the announcement with fellow board members, said this was welcome news for him and his neighbours.

"To go from what we haven't had to something that everybody is expecting and getting delivered is going to be a change in here. Another nice thing is what's coming through here is going to everybody else around the lake. It will really help out the whole [community]," he said.

He said current speeds are close to 8.5 megabytes per second and is expected to increase to a minimum speed of 100 meg-



NFTC sales representatives Chris Varga, from left, and Craig Hinschberger helped to officially announce the expansion of its high-speed fibre network for the residents of the Silver Beach Condominium community and area with the condominium board president Rick Perkins, MP Jamie Schmale, Silver Beach board director Dave Tranter, Dysart Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy, and other Silver Beach board director Craig Thompson and John Bastable on Monday, May 17 in Haliburton. Work has already started to install the five kilometres of fibre and the entire project will be completed in 12 months. Absent for the photo is board member Rita Jackson./DARREN LUM Staff

abytes per second.

"This new speed means we can have even a couple TVs on high definition, or even 4K and you can be downloading and chatting, Zoom calls with grandkids. For the people in here, it's just incredible," he said, referring to Silver Beach residents.

Prior to this announcement, many residents were looking for better internet connection options.

Now the search is over, he adds.

"It just helps everybody. There are so many people in here that are working from home. They can't do it without," he said.

Discussions with NFTC started a little more than three months ago, Perkins said, and the time has gone quickly.

"They are a good group to work with. It's been very clean. It's been very professional. Rolling very quickly," he said.

With his wife, he's been a resident since

2017 after coming from Toronto, where high-speed was not an issue, to retire in the area.

Also attending were politicians Jamie Schmale, MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, and Dysart et al Deputy Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy, who is an area resident and was in attendance for Mayor Andrea Roberts.

From a press release, NFTC's vice president Sandy Nuttall said, "It has been incredibly helpful working with MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes Jamie Schmale, who has consistently and persistently requested expansion of our high-speed network for local residents. His persistence has helped catapult NFTC's \$1 million investment in Haliburton, ensuring that this project was considered urgent."

Schmale said he appreciated the regular communication with Nuttall, who came to make the announcement in person. With a greater dependency on a high-speed internet connection during the pandemic to remain connected, the need is more important than ever.

"With North Frontenac's investment, this is pretty spectacular and I hope more to come because, as we know in Haliburton County the service isn't the best in some places, so we need to ensure that [Sandy] still takes my calls and that North Frontenac continues to see this as a worthy community to invest in. So, thank you," he said.

Started more than 60 years, NFTC has expanded its service to more than 35 rural communities.

NFTC currently is providing fibre services to Haliburton County communities, Minden Hills and Dysart.

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## Spring cleaning

A Haliburton County employee clears sand from walking path in front of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Monday, May 17 in Haliburton. This was part of the annual spring street cleaning, removing sand from roads and walking areas. /DARREN LUM Staff



# Highlands East supporting enhanced septic inspections

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Highlands East property owners now have the option to have level-four septic inspection results recognized by the township.

The township supported a proposal for enhanced inspections conducted by a certified inspector to meet and exceed the requirements of the current township septic inspection program, following an effort led by Ron Parkinson, president of the Cedar Lake Cottagers Association, who recently presented at the May 11 council meeting, following an initial Nov. 10 presentation.

The proposal was based on the three focus areas for Highlands East property owners: ensure septic health, water quality monitoring and shoreline health.

From Parkinson's presentation, he said the community's economic and environmental future is dependant on its water quality. Septic systems are the primary source of nutrients that enter the lakes, which includes phosphorus and nitrogen compounds.

"We all know that increased phosphorus can lead to algae blooms and in turn, can lead to decreased property values and decreased property tax revenue. As shoreline property owners, we can minimize the nutrients entering our lakes through proper septic system operation and maintenance, and the preservation of natural shorelines. This isn't for today or tomorrow, but rather looking ahead for many decades," as written in the report delivered during the presentation.

Parkinson said homeowners will be assuming all costs of this more involved inspection.

He said the level-four inspection goes beyond the level-one inspection required by the township, which he characterized as a walk-around and does not include an inspection of an open tank.

The level-four inspection includes a 20-minute flow stress that is put on the system to test for hydraulic failure; a cleaning of the septic tank inner walls, the floor and partition; an inspection of the septic tank for integrity, including the interior components, which include the inlet, inlet baffle, partition, outlet and outlet baffle.

Before the resolution for support was passed, Parkinson said this proposal is about working with the

township.

"This would be a program that is run in parallel so Highlands East will continue doing what their plan is. If somebody has a level-four septic inspection to hand in, if there is confrontation it will be a discussion about which program is right as far as septic go," he said.

Parkinson likened it to somebody taking their vehicle to a mechanic, who provides information about potential repair work required and how the owner still has the choice for what, if any, repairs are made. He added the level-four inspections are all about education.

"Preventing is better than fixing," he said.

He cited how FOCA [Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association] in 2019 listed the causes of issues for septic systems, which included water softener damage, vehicle damage on leaching bed, improper installation, and overuse. These are all covered by a level-four inspection, he said.

Parkinson recognized the township's effort back in 2017.

"The introduction of the level-one [inspection] program was a good start in 2017. However, all other Haliburton municipalities currently have higher levels of inspection," he said.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge spoke in favour of the proposal before the decision.

"I applaud the property owners who are willing to spend this money and protect our environment and I don't see why we in the municipality would not accept their reports to put in their file. It doesn't preclude the municipality from doing our own inspections," she said. "I really think we could welcome them to submit the inspections and we will keep it in the files of all of those properties."

Following the decision, Parkinson wrote in an email, "Council's acceptance is a positive step by recognizing the value of the licensed septic inspector performing the level-four inspection and as key stakeholders, we will continue to collaborate with Highlands East for continuous improvements to protect our water quality for everyone to enjoy," he wrote to the *Echo*. "Our next steps will be promoting and educating property owners to protect our lakes and our investments and [we] look forward to your continued support when we confirm the level-four septic inspection process for all property owners to follow."



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## Do the right thing

THE LOCAL movement seeking to add Black athletes Lessley Tashlin and Taly Williams to the mural wall of fame at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton is starting to receive national attention.

As reported on page 17 of this week's *Echo*, Athletics Canada recently published a piece on their website, highlighting the incredible work of Grade 7/8 students from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in bringing this issue to light back in March. Since then, many have called on the municipality to recognize a pair of phenomenal athletes who grew up in the community.

And deservedly so.

Tashlin was one of the country's best track and field stars in the 1990s. She won gold in the 100-metre hurdles at the 1995 Canadian Track and Field Championships, and represented Canada in two events at the 1996 Summer Olympics.

Williams, after learning to play football as a student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, played two years in the Canadian Football League, representing both the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and the Toronto Argonauts.

Looking at their accomplishments, there's no doubt that they deserve their place alongside Haliburton's athletic elite.

The mural, as it stands today, depicts four men who have played in the National Hockey League and one former CFLer. Ron Stackhouse and Bernie Nicholls enjoyed hugely successful careers in the NHL, while Matt Duchene has long been recognized as one of the league's most exciting forwards. Cody Hodgson was a 10th overall selection and one-time 20-goal scorer in the league. Mike Bradley played 100 games for the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos in the early to mid 2000s.

It's impressive that a small town like Haliburton has produced so many top-level athletes. The five men listed

above earned their spot on the mural wall and absolutely deserve the recognition they have received.

But it's high time that Tashlin and Williams are recognized too. There is arguably no greater honour for a professional athlete than to represent your country, and Tashlin did that on the absolute grandest stage. Williams was Haliburton's first pro footballer. The pair still hold a collection of track and field records from their time at HHS, more than two decades after graduating. They are true sporting superstars.

There has been some suggestion that the pair's omission is more malicious than simply being overlooked.

Given that the five athletes immortalized on the mural are white men, and both Tashlin and Williams represent minorities – both being Black, and Tashlin being a woman – it has been said the decision not to honour the pair up until this point has been racially motivated.

There has been no indication by anyone involved in the decision making process that this is the case. Clearly though, there has been preference in the past to honour Haliburtonians who made it in the NHL.

A sub-committee has been established to come up with a system that would dictate how and when individuals may be nominated to go up on the mural wall. That's great – hopefully that means people won't fall through the cracks in the future.

For right now though, it's pretty clear that Tashlin and Williams have earned their spot. The JDHES students have offered to fundraise the \$20,000 that will be required to complete the addition. The Haliburton community has displayed, on numerous occasions, that it is willing to step up for different worthwhile causes. This is something, I think, people will get behind.

Now it's up to Dysart council to do the right thing and give these athletes the recognition they deserve.



mike  
baker

## Editorial

## Turning 60

WITHIN EACH and every one of us is a huge capacity for love, kindness, generosity, compassion, joy, adventure and grace. Every word, action and thought can influence our own wellbeing, and the wellbeing of the whole planet.

Every day we make choices about how and if we are going to infuse our interactions with any or all of these positive emotions. We all have the power of love to uplift, inspire and support.

I turned 60 this week. Where does the time go? We are in month 14 of the pandemic and, in a lockdown. I knew my friends would do something for me, but I told them to wait until we could gather outside again to celebrate. I was in no hurry.

My birthday came and I had no expectations. And then the day and week unfolded. Thanks to email, Facebook, my phone and good old Canada Post many people sent wishes for my day and the year.

I always appreciate people taking the time to write. One of my yoga students created an online slide show, with the help of fellow students, to send me pictures to remind me that we are all connected even though we are apart in our home studios. I loved seeing their lovely studios, reading their kind words and seeing their furry companions that often join them in class. It was so thoughtful.

Another group of friends surprised me with a Kudo Board [www.kudoboard.com]. It is an online program where people can submit pictures and/or written notes and eve-

ryone can see what has been contributed. It makes a collage. I seriously want to print my board out.

I laughed and cried and felt the love wrapped around me. I will look at these gifts over and over again to remind me of my light!! I think most of us don't realize how loved we are. Everyone needs a Kudo Board.

The biggest surprise came when I opened a link and there was Jann Arden – I love Jann Arden – singing a birthday greeting to me. In her hilarious way she talked about why

I am so loved, and she sang. My heart was bursting. And to make it even better, she donates the fee she charges to a local animal charity. She was available through an online program at www.cameo.com.

The icing on my cake was a ticket to an online concert with Jann Arden. Sitting in the comfort of our own cottage, with a chorus of peepers around us, and candles lit as the

show progressed, we watched Jann perform. In her unique and funny way she sent her love and hope out in the world just by being her.

What I love about her is that she is so genuinely herself and she knows it is enough. We all love music and feel better when we are singing, playing or listening. It goes straight to every cell in our being and we all feel more alive.

Within each and every one is a huge capacity for love, kindness, generosity, compassion, joy, adventure and grace. Thank you to everyone near and far for sharing your love with me. I will pay it forward, every day.

Tales from  
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## Green meadow



Canoe at dusk

by Darren Lum

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# points of view

## Birthday party food

THE OTHER DAY, after I told Jenn how much I enjoyed the pizza she made, she looked at me and said, "I had no doubt you would like it. All you ever want for dinner is birthday party food."

She could not have been more wrong. It's all I ever want for lunch too.

Birthday party food is the best food out there. And, if you doubt that, show me one serious birthday party food that has kale, tofu, or any soy-based product in it.

That's right. You can't.

That's because somewhere along the line, and for reasons that still elude us, humanity has decided that we have to celebrate every birthday as we lurch forward towards the inevitable end, so the food should be a) good and b) help us get there.

Birthday party food has all the hallmarks of good food. Namely, it does not need to be artfully plated to make up for its deficiencies. And, by deficiencies, I mean lack of salt, sugar, fat, carbohydrates, ketchup and flavour. Sure,

you can tell me that kale, tofu, and soy-based products have flavour, but you are only fooling yourself. I have tasted it.

To be clear, when I say birthday party food I am talking about your basic food groups: pizza, fries, burgers, hotdogs, ice cream and cake. You can substitute little triangular sandwiches for fries, but only if the soiree is not at a fast-food restaurant where some underpaid kid in a costume brings out the food platters and adds upbeat vocal stylizations and clapping to the

Happy Birthday song – which, as I keep telling Jenn, is the only way authentic birthday party food should be served.

I know this is the type of column that might get me a special visit from our local health unit.

But, before you go on about the lack of vegetables and healthy foods, let me just remind you that tomatoes, pickles, relish, olives, onions, peppers, and lettuce also play a supporting role in proper birthday party food. They just know their place.

So that's something.

Plus, kale. Did I mention there is no kale in it?

The best part is birthday party food is not just for birthdays. It's also for barbecues, football games, any gatherings of friends, Thursday nights at our house, whenever Jenn is gone visiting relatives and all the really good weddings.

Yes, it's that versatile.

One of the great advantages of birthday party food is that it is not complicated either. You don't have to wait so you can study how other people eat it before you dig in. With the exception of cake – and I might even argue that point – no cutlery is required at all. And that means no dishes. Yes, it is the food that keeps on giving.

I'm not saying I don't like other foods. I'm just saying they are unnecessary. A person could go his or her whole life eating only birthday party food and be incredibly happy.

I am writing this column because I think that lately, and by that I mean since I was a little kid some 55 years ago, birthday party food has gotten a bad rap. This has coincided with veggie wraps getting a good rap, by the way.

There are foodie snobs who will argue that this food is for people who do not have elevated palates. But there is simply no truth to that.

Tall people like it too.



## Loon Tales

steve  
galea



## pic of the past

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photo of the old dam in Haliburton, taken in the early 1900s. /Submitted by Doreen Rae

## letters to the editor

## EV charging stations not a priority

To the Editor,

Reading about the County's discussion on charging stations a few weeks ago, there are a lot of issues that were not taken into consideration.

Given the fact that less than one per cent of the vehicles on the road are electric and many don't have the range to make it this far, should we even consider investing hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxpayers money in the event a couple tourists want to charge their vehicles?

Right now there are many residents who can't afford a used vehicle and insurance, never mind a new vehicle and especially an electric vehicle. The roads are a disaster with pot holes where tax dollars need to be spent. Capital investments should be for the good of all residents in the County, not just for the one percenters.

The governments at all levels should be looking at charging electric vehicles in the long-term. When you purchase petroleum products there is a

road tax portion of the cost, which is supposedly invested in maintaining the roads. For every electric vehicle that tax is being reduced and thus less maintenance.

Private businesses should be installing the charging stations and costs to charge should be equivalent to fueling your vehicle with any other source, which would include such things as road tax, insurance, enforcement of monopolizing the charging station and regular cleaning, especially during COVID times, and of course a profit for the business, for just a few.

Installing these units shouldn't make you feel warm and fuzzy, it should make good business sense for all tax payers.

And finally the article states that the County vehicle will be charged through the day and the station would be available nights and weekends, if it's charged during the day do you really need it?

Alf Trotter

## Excellent treatment received

I would like to thank paramedics Steve Prims and Scott Clark as well as first responders Miles, Mike, Chris, Dan and Carl for their outstanding care responding to my injury on Kennisis Lake last Thursday. Also appreciate the excellent treat-

ment provided by doctors and nurses at Haliburton Hospital.

Glenn Wilson  
Haliburton

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	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
Haliburton	4	0	118	113	3	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	74	0	876	759	36	43	13
Northumberland	37	0	897	843	31	17	0
Total	115	0	1,891	1,715	70	61	13

## Four cases in Haliburton County heading into long weekend

Going into the long weekend, the May 21 local health unit's data reported no new cases that day, and four active cases in Haliburton County. In City of Kawartha Lakes, active cases were at 74 last Friday, while in Northumberland County there were 37 active cases./Screenshot from HKPRDHU

# Huskies welcoming billet families to its pack

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Take a unique opportunity to give back to the community by showing the best of the Highlands as a billet family for a Haliburton County Huskies player, said volunteer billet coordinator Jess Jackson.

"I think it's a great way for the community to get involved. I think there is certainly a great opportunity

for families with young children to benefit by having that role model outside their immediate family unit and I think it's a really great way to connect the team with the community itself given that all the players are not going to be local players," she said. "It kind of provides that additional diversity that maybe we're not accustomed to having in our community because we've never really had this experience in the past with respect to asking community members to billet someone for this particular reason."

Jackson said a billet family needs to provide a healthy environment and is non-smoking for players between 16 and 20 years old. Prospective applicants will undergo a screening process, which includes all adults 19 and older in the household completing a vulnerable sector criminal record check. The family not only provides day-to-day living arrangements, but ensures access to laundry facilities, provides an unshared room with a dresser and closet space, a double-bed or larger per player, study area (desk preferred), meals, unlimited WiFi for online courses, but also "instill values and team rules along the way." Players, who should be treated like a member of the family, are expected to be role-models for children of the household. All transportation is handled by the player or arranged through the team. A parking space for a vehicle is preferred, but not mandatory.

Players will require accommodations starting mid-August to coincide with the team's training camp and last for eight months.

According to the team's website, billet families are eligible for a "billet package," including billet compensation money, two season tickets for regular season and playoff games. For more information and to apply email [huskieshousing@hotmail.com](mailto:huskieshousing@hotmail.com)

Born and raised in the Highlands, Jackson loves this community and said a billet family provides a doorway to learning about the area through immersion.

From the billet experience, there will be a community

immersion with the family, who will enable a rich experience for the players they accommodate. This could occur through someone's work or even their hobby.

"I truly think just by being immersed in the family unit outside from what is different from their own is an opportunity for any person to learn and to expand their skill set, their knowledge base, their culture," she said.

She adds the typical seasonal harvesting of maple syrup would be just one example of a learning opportunity unique to this rural area.

It will not only leave a lasting impression on the player, but the families they come from outside the Highlands.

"From the families of the players, they will be excited to know that there is the option or the opportunity to have add such a fulsome lifestyle for their children, or something that is different than they're used to," she said.

The 2003 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate went away for post-secondary education and the absence provided perspective about the quality of the close-knit culture that exists here.

"I have such an appreciation for the beauty of our area and I think you get such a warm feeling ... I'm such a proud member because I like the fact I can walk down the street and be recognized and say hello to somebody," she said. "The small-town vibe. There's really something to be said for that and I think in terms of a lot of the families in [the] community [that] are born and raised, or they're multi-generational and so I think the fact it's not uncommon for youth in our community to have those close relationships with not only their parents, but their grandparents, their aunts and uncles. Not every family has the benefit. I know I certainly did and have all my life. I've been able to learn so much from ... maybe it's not my grandparents, but it's friends' grandparents or co-workers parents. There's that connectivity between so many different generations. There's so much knowledge and history within the community."

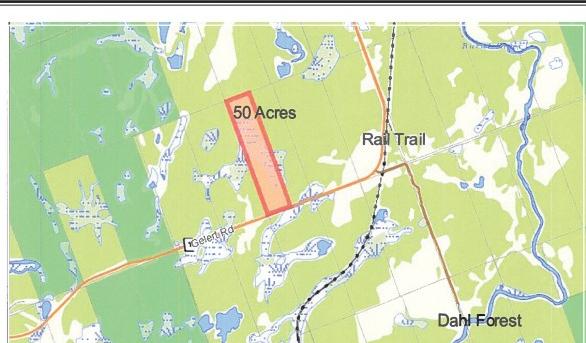
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## County awards contract for creation of shoreline bylaw

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Staff Reporter

The County of Haliburton has awarded a contract for the creation of a draft shoreline protection bylaw to Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd., in partnership with J.J. Richards and Associates.

Councillors made that decision during a May 12 online meeting, endorsing a recommendation that had come from an evaluation team including Warden Liz Danielsen and members of county staff. The county had begun meetings regarding the creation of a bylaw aimed at protecting lake health by restricting site alteration and the removal of vegetation near waterbodies in early 2020.

An in-person public consultation process that had been planned for last summer was unable to proceed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with council conversations around the draft bylaw resuming last September. The county had set up a digital public engagement framework that has been active on its website, for which a communications firm was retained to create materials, and which has garnered numerous responses. However, there was significant controversy and public crit-

icism of a draft bylaw – particularly a recommended setback of 30-metres for site alteration and vegetation removal – as well as the in-house process the county had undertaken, and in January, council decided to abandon that process and instead hire a consultant for the creation of a draft bylaw.

"We did receive three, I think, pretty strong proposals," said chief administrative officer Mike Rutter, reiterating the four main criteria had included a review of the associated science; best practices undertaken in other communities; robust public engagement; and the creation of a draft bylaw for consideration by council.

"The public consultation process that is listed in the response document is a starting point for conversation, and I want to reassure council ... that you will have all kinds of opportunity to add to that, take away from, change, when we start the process with the consultants," Rutter said.

The contract is for \$41,605, plus applicable taxes.

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt noted there had been council discussion about conducting public consultation by sector, "so we didn't have a mixing and matching of concerns, and is that still up for discussion when the plan is developed?"

"Absolutely," Rutter said.

Council authorized the consulting firm to begin its work right away.

## Man found dead after barge incident on Kawagama Lake

Haliburton Highlands OPP are reporting that they have recovered the body of a missing man in Kawagama Lake in Algonquin Highlands.

Police officers were dispatched to a marine incident on Kawagama Lake on Thursday, May 20.

The incident involved a single vessel where two male occupants ended up in the water. One male made it to shore.

OPP resources from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment, Aviation Services, Snowmobile ATV and Vessel Enforcement (SAVE) Unit and the Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (USRU) conducted a search for the other male, eventually locating his body on Friday afternoon [May 21].

Staff

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## IF YOU CAN'T SEE CHANGE, IS IT REALLY HAPPENING?



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# Wolf Centre coordinator regularly visited sanctuary as child

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The day the pups were found was especially meaningful to Marena Wigmore, who for the first time was part of the team that ventured into the enclosure to look for the newborn wolves.

Every summer as a child, Wigmore would visit the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre from the family cottage on Kennisis Lake.

"It would always be at least once a summer, we'd go with Grandma and Grandpa, we'd get a new wolf t-shirt, we'd go to the Cookhouse for lunch, that was something that we did every summer. I still have a bunch of the wolf t-shirts, I wear them as pajama shirts now."

Seven years ago, in 2014, Wigmore joined the Haliburton Forest staff – at first seasonally, and then year-round as the Forest's Group Experiences Coordinator. In May last year, she took on the role of Wolf Centre Coordinator from Paul Brown, who she had known since she was about five years old, and who continues to work at the Forest, as security co-ordinator.

"There's a lot of little nuances to it, it's an exciting thing though because it is such a well-known and loved facility," she said. "Times are always changing, and one of my goals is to bring it into current times and make it attractive for changing audiences. As much as we have our people who have been coming for years and years and love it, we want to offer new experiences for people who have been coming forever, or [make it] even more exciting for people who haven't been before. The wolves are obviously amazing, too. But that's an exciting part of the job, being able to kind of help make it even better than what it is."

Earlier this year, the Wolf Centre experienced devastating loss when three adult males and one eight-month pup died, with one possibly having been trying to take over the alpha position, and three being due to undetermined cause of death. Typically, the Wolf Centre might lose one or two wolves of the pack a year, but having the deaths come in rapid succession was difficult for staff, and for longtime fans of the Haliburton Forest family.

"It makes it even harder when you didn't see what happened, don't know exactly how they died and you just realize they're no longer part of the pack," said Wigmore. "And then the harder part is having to tell people who love them as well. You have that conversation every day, sometimes three or four times a day, with people who haven't been for awhile. They come in and they're getting up to date. Of course they want to know how the pack's doing since they've last come, and ... so you have to have that really sad conversation over and over again."

The pups being born has created a positive buzz after this year's grief, and during the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic, now in its second year, with the Wolf Centre closed to the public during the province's third lockdown.

"Having new life brought in - quite literally - to the pack, really eases the heart a little," said Wigmore. "And of course, puppies are freaking adorable. It gets everybody excited and brings positivity to a time that a lot of people are having a hard time in."

Luna, the pack's alpha female, is 10 years old this year. Her first litter came in 2014, the year after the Wolf Centre's enclosure fence had been cut by vandals, and four of the pack's nine wolves at that time – including Luna's parents and two juvenile males – left the enclosure. While two of the wolves were found shot dead, the other two were never located and it is likely they died of starvation within a few weeks. Luna had a litter of four that first



Marena Wigmore, Haliburton Forest's Wolf Centre coordinator, quickly assesses newborn wolf pups born to Luna and Piper earlier this month. /Submitted photo

year, the year she had reached maturity, with one of the four pups surviving. The next year, her litter had three pups that all survived to adulthood. Her third litter saw six pups – two died, two stayed with the Haliburton Forest pack, and two were transferred to the Wolf Science Centre in Vienna, Austria. In 2017 her fourth litter saw seven pups, three going to other facilities and four – one would survive to adulthood – staying at the local Wolf Centre. In 2018, she miscarried. Two more litters have come since then, and now this year's litter of five.

As alpha female, Luna's role in the pack is to reproduce.

"Part of her job, and how she maintains that role, is to stress any other mature females to the point that they don't even go into heat," said Wigmore. "And then if they do somehow go into heat, if she didn't quite do that successfully, then she's got to stay on top of them during mating season to make sure that they aren't bred. That can be done by physical attack, it can be done by preventing them from eating or chasing them away from the pack and ostracizing them."

One such method is for Luna to not allow other females to join in on pack howls, a time of bonding.

"They love howling together. You can see the tails wagging, they're rubbing on each other and just loving it. But she will intentionally train it into some of the other females that they're not allowed to participate in it."

Piper is currently the only mature male in the pack.

"We did see him do his job many times while she was in heat," said Wigmore. And then, laughing: "He just has to worry about it one week of the year, she's on it all year-round."

Mating season usually happens toward the end of February. The Wolf Centre staff keeps a record book of observations about the pack – one that prior to the pandemic is visible to the public and always of interest to the most dedicated Wolf Centre fans – and had noted mating behaviours.

"From the first day that we see mating behaviours to the last day, we write that in our calendar," said Wigmore. "We'll kind of go 63 days ahead from that first day, and 63 days ahead from that last day to give us the window of when we would expect to see puppies, and then keep a really close eye leading into that week or so and during that time."

Once the staff is confident birthing is complete, a very small team enters the enclosure to check in on what has happened – they want to assess how many have been born and survived, what sex they are, what colour, as well as deworm the pups.

"This is the first year I felt comfortable going in and doing it myself as well," said Wigmore. "I will admit I had a small tear in my eye. They're so sweet, they're so, so sweet."

It isn't the first time Wigmore has had the opportunity to get close to a wolf pup – a few years ago, one pup was being sent to another facility but had to stay at the Wolf Centre until the facility was ready to take her.

"So we had this little teeny wolf puppy that one of our staff was diligently taking care of, that we had to socialize," said Wigmore. "She would be hanging out in the office with us, at two and three weeks of age, so I got to interact with her quite a bit before she went to her home, so that was really cool. I have a little bit of experience with the little ones but to see them at like maybe two days old, that fresh, is really incredible."

She's been a spotter before during the pup check, but never someone inside the enclosure.

"It's always exciting for us," said Wigmore. "We choose our team kind of selectively based on who's comfortable, who's cautious, is going to follow the safety rules, and who knows what they're doing. Those are all really important. And we need somebody who's ready to crawl in a den. This year we had Ted [Ruttan] do that – he's perfect for it because he's a tall, thin dude. He's long, so if the den is deep he can go pretty far in, and he's got narrower shoulders so he can fit into a smaller hole. He was perfect for that job."

When humans enter the enclosure at the Wolf Centre, they don't often get a good look at the enclosure's inhabitants.

"Typically when we are in the enclosure, they're completely afraid of us, and we don't really see them other than quickly running by in the distance," said Wigmore. "Certainly if we see mom's kind of hanging out in the trees, a little bit closer, then we're definitely going to go a little bit quicker, make sure we get out of her hair and let her get back to her puppies as quick as she can."

While one person locates the pups within the den, two people do the deworming and examination, and two act as spotters to keep an eye on the wolves and their behaviour while the team is inside the enclosure.

"Are they getting uncomfortable? Do we need to speed up and get out of here quicker, because we don't want to bother them if we don't have to," said Wigmore.

First, it's noted where Luna is – she has to be seen to know she's not in the den before the team begins

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# Team works fast to find, assess and return pups to den



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looking for it.

"She'll hear us and smell us coming," said Wigmore. "She'll feel the vibration of our footsteps coming toward the den. So usually she's cleared out quite before we get there. If we see her hanging around a little bit, that might give us a clue that we're close."

One commenter on the puppage social media post asks how the humans get close to the pups, without their parents becoming aggressive or upset.

"Because our pack are unsocialized, they are very much afraid of humans," reads the response from the Wolf Centre. "When we enter the enclosure we typically only see them at a distance, their fear of humans overrides the instinct to protect the pups."

Once the humans are out of the way, a wolf will check on her pups, but their own survival comes first.

"Everything with wolves is about survival," said Wigmore. "Everything they do. Every movement they make, they're thinking about how it affects their survival. They can have more puppies but they can't replace themselves, so it's always more important for them to look after themselves, first. If they can take care of the puppies, awesome, but they've got to look after themselves first and the overall well-being of the pack."

The team of five first began checking out past known dens within the enclosure.

"Especially because Luna's old, that's a lot easier for her than digging a new den, so she did reuse a previous den, this year as well, so it was fairly quick to find," said Wigmore. "The other thing we look for is typically they're going to [choose] into a side of a hill. They're going to stay away from low ground so that way the den's not flooding, or getting too wet or too cold and it's easier to kind of dig kind of sideways and down versus straight down. It's easier for them to get in and out, easier for the pups to get in and out when they're at that point. So that kind of gives us a clue of where to start. And then we'll listen. Sometimes you'll hear the pups making little whimpery, squeaky noises from inside the hole, so that's usually a pretty good clue."

Finding the den leads to further excitement – and perhaps a bit of acrobatic spectacle.

"So you've got Ted in the den, we're holding a little flashlight for him so he could see what he's doing," said Wigmore. "And so, you can't really crawl backwards or turn around, it's quite a tight hole. Tegan's got his legs, and he says, 'OK, pull me back.' She pulls him back a little bit, just enough so he can hold up his arm with a little puppy in his hand."

Wigmore took the pup to a warm blanket for the check-up while Ted went back to look for more, until the team was confident they had an accurate count.

"It's pretty quick, from the time we find the den until the time we get out, I would say, no more than 10 minutes," she said. "We try to go as quickly as we can."

The survival rate for pups is about 50 per cent.

"In general whether it's in captivity or in the wild, wolves do have that really high mortality rate, up to the first year-and-a-half," said Wigmore. "The biggest cause is starvation, if its mom isn't producing milk very well, or she has a large litter and doesn't have enough, or you might have a really dominant pup or two that's actually pushing the others away to be able to nurse. The hierarchy and dominance and figuring out who goes where starts in the den, right away. So sometimes that does happen, or if mom's just not very healthy. Birth defects can happen. Predators [happen] more in the wild – we don't have too much issue with that in a closed environment. Just general illness, things like this, if they're born as a runt or something. And sometimes it comes out of nowhere. They might make it to a year and then they just die. In general if they're not tough enough to cut it, they just don't even make it to adulthood if they're not going to be able to survive."

This year of the pups, the Wolf Centre is keeping four, and sending the fifth – a male – to another facility.

The four pups that will be kept will replace those lost in the pack last year.

"Basically exactly the ones that passed is how much we're getting in, so it's interesting how balanced it comes out," said Wigmore. "It's just like, an unspoken thing that Luna knows exactly what to do."

The transfer of the fifth pup will happen soon – prior to his senses being fully developed to make his transition easier.

"We'll pull them out when they're about 10 to 12 days old if they're going to be departing," said Wigmore. "Before their eyes and ears are developed, because they're all born deaf and blind. So the best situation for them is that when those senses do develop, they are with who their caregivers are going to be, or at the facility they're going to spend their life at. That way there's less shock, less confusion, it's just a smooth start to their life."

From the Wolf Centre team assessing the newborn pups, there's only about a 10-day window to coordinate an alternate facility for pups, which is generally based on sex, and availability of room in a pack.

"We really base it on what our current pack looks like," said Wigmore. "Generally we don't like to keep more than 12 just to ensure they have enough space to feel comfortable. And that we're not

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# Wolf Centre a place for 'oh wow' moments

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overextending ourselves in terms of food, because so much of it comes from roadkill deer, or from beaver from local trappers.

We never have a set guarantee of how much food is going to be coming in, and we don't want to be in a situation where we can't provide them a good proper diet."

By the time the wolf pups are three

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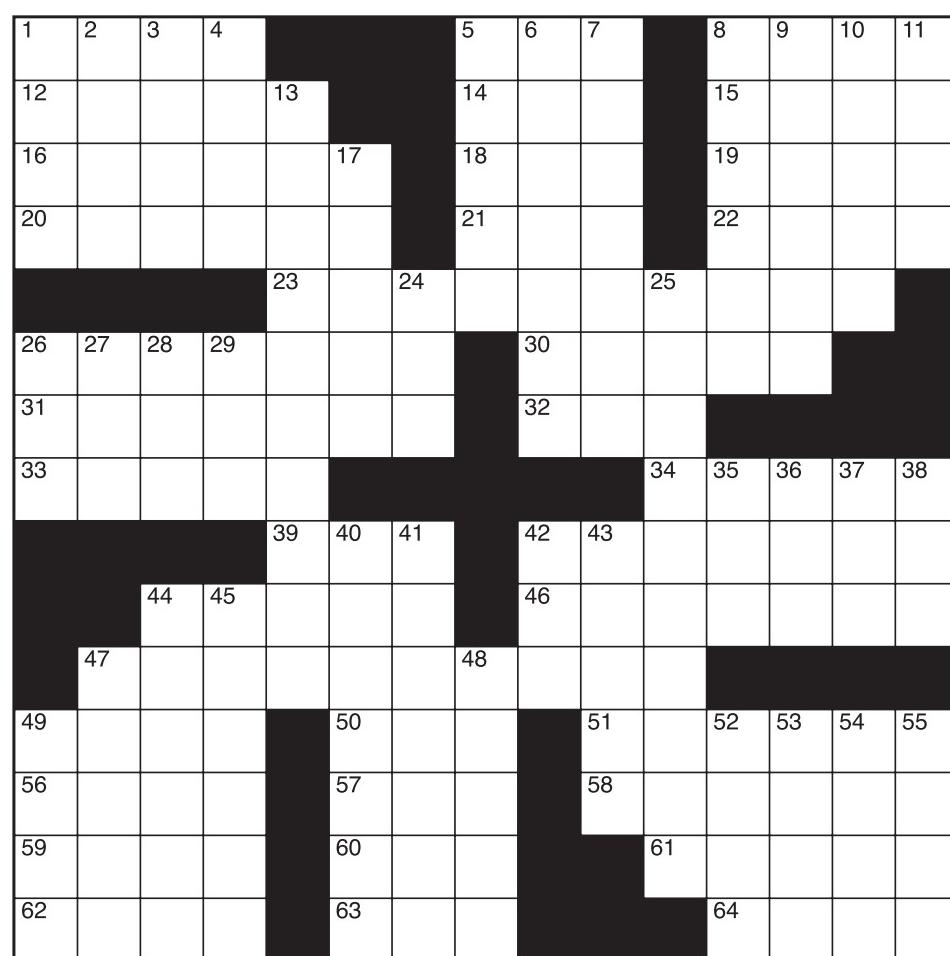
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**CLUES ACROSS**

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5. Of she
8. This (Spanish)
12. A type of sorcery
14. A team's best pitcher
15. Port in southern Japan
16. Makes very happy
18. Trigonometric unit of measurement
19. From a distance
20. Winged nut
21. Consumed
22. OHeatÓ director
23. In all places
26. Made improvements to
30. St. \_\_ Girl: brand of beer
31. A type of "seat"
32. Wood
33. A brief treatise on a subject of interest
34. Approval
39. Basics
42. Where judges sit
44. W. African religion
46. Commentators
47. Having many different functions
49. Member of a Semitic people

50. Flightless, fast-running bird

51. After the seventh  
56. Small N. Zealand tree  
57. Health care pro (abbr.)  
58. Playground mainstay  
59. Expressing relief  
60. Records brain activity (abbr.)  
61. Fishing net  
62. Beer  
63. Tooth caregiver  
64. Japanese beverage

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Garden tools
2. Early Syrian kingdom
3. 500 sheets of paper
4. Information
5. Beloved comic strip character
6. Distinct form of a plant
7. Replenishment
8. Semitransparent glassy substance
9. Expedition to observe animals
10. One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
11. Obtain in return for labor

13. Inheritable genetically

17. One who rescues  
24. Doctor of Education  
25. Liberal arts  
26. Shock treatment  
27. Disfigure  
28. When you hope to get there

29. Peacock network  
35. Part of (abbr.)  
36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet

37. Not just "play"  
38. Former CIA

40. Reduced to a sloping edge  
41. Restricted the development of

42. Sciences degree  
43. Sea eagles  
44. Saturated

45. Joints  
47. Sailing boat

48. Respiratory organs  
49. Guitarists use them

52. Disco act: Bee \_\_  
53. First Chinese dynasty  
54. Intentionally lose  
55. Muslim people of China

weeks old, they're already beginning to explore their surroundings and poke their noses out of the den.

"As soon as their eyes open and they have hearing, they start exploring and it just takes them a little while to expand their radius to the point where they'll come where we can see them," said Wigmore.

Usually the first sighting of the pups in the observation area is when they're about six to eight weeks of age, in mid-to-late June.

Around Thanksgiving, when staff has a better idea of whether the pups will continue to survive, the public is invited to enter a contest to name them. This year, the names chosen must start with the letter V.

"It makes it easy for us to keep track of age and who's from what litter," said Wigmore, of the names by alphabetical order. "We actually have it in-sync with our dog kennel as well with the huskies, that way if we have staff crossing over from one place to another it's a very quick [understanding] of how old they are, if someone's asking."

And people do ask – the "hardcore fans" can identify wolves in photos, but even those visiting the facility for the first time have plenty of questions to ask about the animals, so rarely seen by humans.

"Wolves are one of those animals that people have a lot of misconceptions about, or they hear one little fact about them that sticks in their brain," said Wigmore. "So much of it is wrong. So it's quite a joy to be able to talk with people and be able to explain to people, hey, that little bit you heard is kind of right, but here's the full story, and here's a bit more information to understand this fact that you have been told."

Her passion for the wolves and the Wolf Centre leads her to wanting to nurture that understanding and enjoyment of the animals in others.

"It's really exciting to have people have that a-ha moment," she said. "Whenever people ask me, what's my favourite part of the job, I always say it's that moment when people walk into the observation area and I hear them say, 'oh wow.' For me, because I see it all the time, I don't

have that moment of 'oh wow,' very often unless they're doing something really cool. But getting to see and hear people have that on a daily basis, is really fulfilling."

The pupdate post on Facebook has hundreds of comments and has been shared hundreds of times.

"It makes me so happy to see all the comments and all the love that people are feeling from these puppies and because of these puppies, how much happiness it's bringing people," said Wigmore. And how much happiness, too, they bring to their mom.

An average lifespan for a wolf in the wild is about four to five years, and at the Wolf Centre's facility, about five or six.

"It's a little bit higher, but similar because of how similar we try to keep their life for them," said Wigmore. "She's done very, very well. It's not uncommon to see higher ranking wolves exceed the average. So seven or eight [years] for an alpha in the wild is kind of normal."

Right now, Luna looks good physically. She's very grey at this point in her life, and has the odd stiffness in her hips on a cool morning or if she's been laying down a lot.

"I'm sure she's exhausted right now with the puppies and is going to take some time to recover," said Wigmore. "Last summer she took five months to kind of spring back to her Luna self after puppies. She may take a little longer this year, maybe until the fall, to kind of spring back. But we'll see - she's already defied the odds, she's the oldest living female we've ever had, and is very close to being the oldest wolf that we've ever had, which almost made it to 12. So she's doing really, really well."

Wigmore's pride and love for Luna is evident in her voice, and in her enthusiasm for sharing her story.

"Luna is a shining example for women everywhere of just endless resilience," she said.

To learn more about the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre, follow the progress of the 2021 pups or vote on their names, visit <https://www.haliburtonforest.com/things-to-do/wolf-centre/>.



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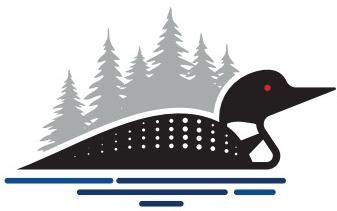
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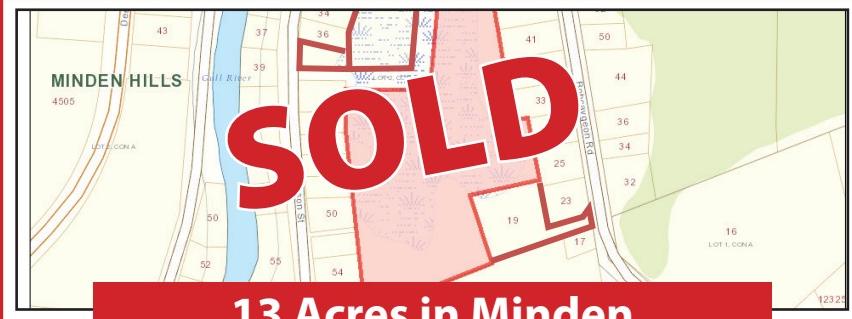


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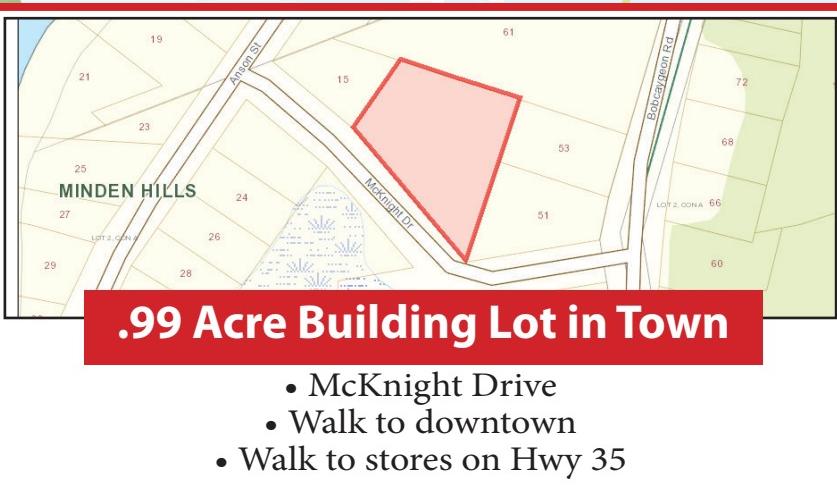
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A Haliburton County Farmers' Market shopper speaks with artist Sharon Lynch about her pottery

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# No end in sight for Highlands East building growth

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The following are Highlands East Council briefs from the May 11 meeting held virtually via YouTube.

Building permit applications in Highlands East continue to outpace last year's figures.

At this point in the year there have been 47 permits compared to 30 last year, which includes 13 dwellings to three last year.

The 2021 construction values to date are \$6,426,239. It's a dramatic jump from the \$1,504,890 in 2020.

"Four times what we had last year. That is absolutely scary dollars. Does it look like from what you're seeing now that that's going to continue for the rest of the year," Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said,

addressing chief building official Laurie Devolin.

"I don't know. I think it will. Part of the problem we're going to run into is the cost of materials and the availability," she said.

She's heard that some projects may not proceed because of the material shortages.

"We'll just have to see where it goes," she said.

## Noise bylaw on hold

A proposed noise bylaw by Highlands East is in a holding pattern after the province enacted Ontario Regulation 131/20 under the Municipal Act on April 7. This is in effect until Oct. 8 this year.

Bylaw enforcement officer Wayne Galloway said this development essentially takes away the authority from the municipality to prohibit and regulate with respect to the noise made in connection with construction and services in a municipality in regards to health care facilities

at any time, day or night, which includes construction activity in the municipality between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

"There is really not a lot of sense in presenting a noise bylaw at this time because as you know people read what they want to read and if we present the bylaw that, say, you know you can operate your tractor between such and such time and such and such time they're going to think it's gospel and then you're going to have to go back to him and say, 'I'm sorry, but we can't do anything about that until October.' That's why the notation was put in there," Galloway said.

## Waste information available at your fingertips

Highlands East public works manager David Armstrong discussed the work on Waste Wizard, a mobile app that will help users interested in accessing waste information with a look up tool, event reminders and to be able to report a waste management problem.

With the partnership with Dysart, Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills and the support of the Haliburton County information technology department, this app (for Android and Apple products) enables access to all four municipalities' waste information. The beta release of the app was expected last week and the app had been scheduled to be launched this past weekend.

Armstrong said there will be room to change the app to cater to needs and char-

acterized the app as "living document."

## Efforts begin to make Dillman Trail multi-use

Highlands East staff are being instructed to investigate what needs to be done to fulfill the potential to make Dillman Trail a multi-use trail, which was presented to council during the economic development report by economic development coordinator Joanne Vanier.

Vanier said the Trails and Outdoor Recreation Committee wants to have a trail that links Wilberforce and Cardiff by joining South Wilberforce Road and Legacy Road, as part of the road allowance.

Councillor Cam McKenzie said one potential issue is species at risk, which will require the involvement of the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks under the species at risk legislation. However, before contacting them work needs to be done to determine the use and what improvements are required of the trail.

## No more civil marriage ceremonies

As of June, Highlands East is getting out of issuing civil marriage licences.

Wedding officiant Nancy Wright-Laking is not renewing her agreement with the municipality. To make it official, the town repealed the civil marriage by-law, policy and agreement and approved the new marriage license by-law and policy. The town will continue to issue marriage licenses.

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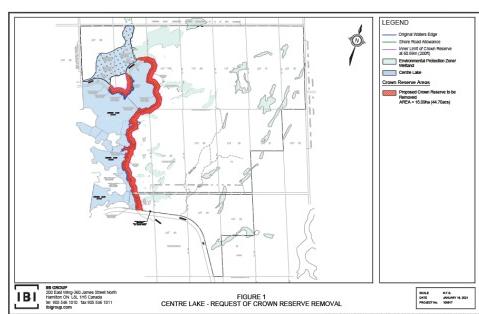
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### Class Environmental Assessment for MNRF Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects Public Notice for a Category B Project Evaluation

#### DISPOSITION OF THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE CENTRE LAKE 200-Ft CROWN RESERVE

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has received an application from 9184384 Canada Inc. to purchase the eastern portion of a 200-ft Crown shoreline reserve located between the applicant's property and Centre Lake, in the geographic township of Cardiff, within the Municipality of Highlands East in the County of Haliburton. The proposed disposition (i.e., sale) of Crown land would facilitate a development proposal for cottage lots, a resort and spa and a maple products operation. The consideration of future site development would be addressed separately through municipal planning processes. To aid and inform, all planning documents, applications and studies are included at <https://letstalkcentrelake.ca/granite-shores>.



The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Bancroft District, invites Indigenous communities, interested persons, and government agencies to provide comment on the proposed sale of the eastern portion of the 200-ft Crown reserve (please refer to map). The comment period begins May 27, 2021 and ends on June 25, 2021.

Written comments must be submitted during the 30-day comment period ending June 25, 2021 to:

Pauline Capelle, Regional Planner  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry  
300 Water Street, 4th Floor South  
Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7  
tel: 705-761-5633  
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AND

Steven Megannety, Public Engagement Lead  
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The proposal is being planned in accordance with a Category B project under the Class Environmental Assessment for MNRF Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects. In relation to this proposed project, MNRF is consulting on a minor amendment to land use policy under the Public Lands Act that could enable subsequent disposition of the reserve to be considered for cottaging. Consultation requirements for the proposed land use amendment will run concurrently with the Class Environmental Assessment. Information is available on MNRF's Crown Land Use Policy Atlas at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/crown-land-use-policy-atlas> under Amendment 2020-004.

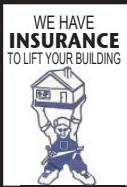
Decisions regarding the Category B project are subject to the approval of the land use amendment. A Notice of Completion will be provided only to parties who have provided input or requested further notice. MNRF may proceed to implement the project without issuing a further general notice.

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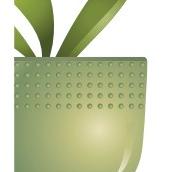
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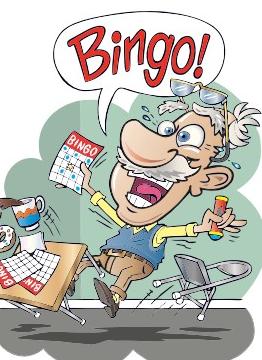
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**It's a go!  
Theatre fundraising meets goal**

Work to convert gym at HHSS will begin this fall

**MARTHA PERKINS**

*Editor*

Throughout the county, patrons of the performing arts are shouting "Bravo!" as the curtains close on one of the county's most successful fundraising productions.

In six months, a group of volunteers has been able to raise enough money to transform a gymnasium at the high school into the Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Centre.

After a meeting with the school's architect on Thursday, the project "is a go," says an ecstatic and relieved Caryl

"I'm so excited - I just can't believe it"

**CARYL MOULTON**

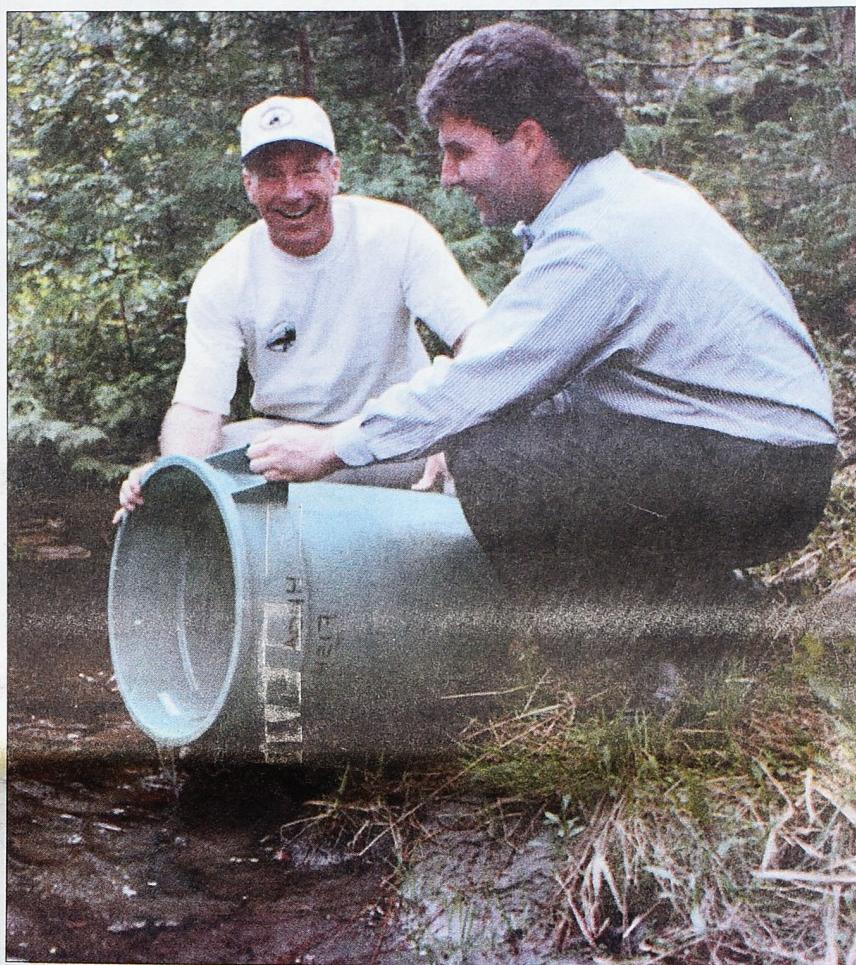
Moulton, who along with Linda Beachli and Curtis Eastmure, came up with the plan last November.

The renovations will be part of the work being done at the high school, but last fall, the Ministry of Education said it would not help with the funding. Since turning a gym into a theatre is a lot less expensive than building a new theatre, riding the coattails of the high school construction was seen as an ideal opportunity to get a proper theatre at a relatively low price. However, the money had to be raised before the projects were completed and the construction crews moved on.

"I'm so excited - I just can't believe it," said Moulton, who announced the project's success to Friday night's audience of Night Watch, the last Highlands Little Theatre production on the old stage. When the troupe hosts its next performance to celebrate its 20th anniversary, it will be in the new theatre.

In January, raising more than

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**Gone Fishing:**

After opening the '98 camping season at Algonquin Provincial Park on Friday, John Snobelen, the Minister of Natural Resources, flew into Head Lake for a tour of the MNR's fire base before touring the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's fish hatchery near Haliburton. HHOA volunteers raised 33,000 young fish over the winter and asked Snobelen, left, and fellow cabinet minister, MPP Chris Hodgson, to release 400 of them into the Drag River near Dover's Spring.

**Snobelen gets first hand look at local conservation work**

**MARTHA PERKINS**

*Editor*

The next time John Snobelen gets a request for assistance from the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, he'll already know how the association puts the Ministry of Natural Resources' money to use to enhance local fishing opportunities.

He'll even know one of the best places to catch one or two of those fish should he ever want to cast his lines in Highlands water.

On Friday, the Minister of Natural Resources flew into Haliburton for a brief tour of the MNR's fire base as well as the fish hatchery run by the HHOA volunteers on County Road 1.

Before he left, he and his fellow cabinet minister, MPP Chris Hodgson, who organized the impromptu visit, took a turn at releasing 400 of the HHOA's young fish into the river near Dover's Spring.

Efforts by the local outdoors association are an important way to improve the province's

fisheries and assist the MNR in collecting information about fish genetics, Snobelen said in a brief interview after releasing the fish into the Drag River.

In the past, the MNR used to operate fish hatcheries. Many were closed as part of the province's cost-cutting initiatives and some of the money was re-diverted to the Community Fisheries Improvement Program. The HHOA applied to this program to get the money to raise 33,000 hatchlings over the winter. Volunteers are now in the process of releasing these young fish into lakes and rivers in the Highlands and southern Muskoka.

"The local residents know the area better than anyone else. They have the inherent wisdom of what the area needs," Snobelen said of the value of the HHOA's involvement.

Snobelen flew into Head Lake on Friday afternoon after taking part in the official launch of the 1998 camping season at Algonquin Park.

It was Snobelen's first visit to Haliburton as minister.

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**KENNISI LAKE**  
**\$680,000**

This 3-bdrm, 1 bath seasonal cottage is move in ready. Spacious kitchen with open concept to the dining area. Living room features beautiful pine ceiling and beams and ample natural lighting. Large boathouse / garage is great for storage. Enjoy the big lake views at the waters edge on your spacious sitting deck. Don't miss this great opportunity to get on Kennisis Lake.

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**CONTAU LAKE**  
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Nature at its best! This bright open concept 3-bdrm home features 223 ft of frontage on Contau Lake in a quiet bay. Southern exposure and pretty lake view. Main floor features one bedroom, large kitchen finished with pine cabinetry, island, and ample storage space. Bright dining area with pine flooring, ceilings, and walkout to lake front deck. Sunken living room with cozy woodstove. Master bedroom is located on the second level with jet tub. Many recent improvements. 4.17-acre lot provides good privacy. Escape the busy city life and enjoy serene cottage country living.

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